

The Caterpillar.

Our county court was in session, last Thursday, and struggled with the problem of the purchase of tractors for the overseers who are to do the road making the coming year, under the enlarged road plan as created by the court, the court paying two-fifths of the cost of the tractors, and the districts the remaining three-fifths.

Many agents for the manufacturers of the various makes have been before the court, urging the purchase of their make and, of course, every fellow had the best machine, but the final decision had to come from the court, and it decided on the purchase of the "Steel Mule" or Caterpillar type made by the Bates Manufacturing Company, of Joliet, Ill., at a price of \$2,000 for each machine, the county to issue its warrant for payment out of the 1920 revenue, after the apportionment has been made in May, and it is not likely that the machines will be delivered prior to that time.

The court only ordered four machines, one each for District No. 1, Jacob Wehrli, overseer; District No. 2, Alvin Graves overseer; District 4, Shannon Hardman overseer; District No. 5, Wm Markt overseer.

District No. 3, Robert Brown overseer, was omitted from the purchase on account of the fact that this district at the time was making an effort to organize under the special road district.

District No. 6, Peter F. Raiser overseer, did not ask for a tractor at this time.

The "Steel Mule" purchased is of the "crawler" type, hence its nickname—the "Caterpillar." The court believed the type purchased was of the dependable kind and had the ability to pull under all conditions, and believed it was the thing for hard as well as soft ground. It is a powerful and rigid power plant, mounted on extremely flexible ground runners. The two crawlers are attached to the power plant, and are independently flexible to conform to variations in the ground. The crawler flexibility, combined with that of the two front wheels on their center pivoted axle, allows the tractor to move smoothly and evenly over the rough variations in the ground. From front wheels to the draw bars it runs on nickel steel roller bearings, which practically eliminates friction and wear. Has no side draft, and a short turning radius. It is a 15-hp. and there you have it.

Let us hope that the investment made may prove profitable for the county. It is an investment of \$8,000, thus far, and some good road making should be realized for such a sum.

It will not be many months until you will see Al Graves, Jake Wehrli, Will Markt and Shan Hardman riding on the backs of their "Caterpillars."

A Day of Storms.

Tornadoes that struck in half a dozen states, Sunday last, March 28, caused a death list that may reach 200 or more, caused property damage reaching many millions of dollars and played havoc with wire and railway service in a wide-spread area.

The greatest damage was done in Chicago suburbs and Elgin, Ill., where the death list was known to be twenty-eight and many reported missing.

The storm passed through nine states—Illinois, Indiana, Georgia and Alabama suffered the worst.

At Elgin the tornado, which swept a path two hundred yards wide across the heart of the city took the greatest toll of life at the Congregational and Baptist churches at the morning services, where several were killed and many injured.

Hundreds in the path of the storm are made homeless.

Wind accompanied a snowstorm through Western Kansas, and two persons were killed in St. Louis.

Apparently there were three distinct storms, one driving northeastward into Illinois and dying out on the shores of Lake Michigan, just north of Chicago; one striking in Georgia and Alabama, and another sweeping through Indiana and passing into Ohio and Michigan.

These were tornadoes and not cyclones.

The great cyclone at Omaha, occurred Easter Sunday, March 23, 1913.

The total dead reported in the early dispatches is as follows: Georgia, 69; Illinois, 55; Ohio, 24; Indiana, 17; Alabama, 16; Michigan 8; Wisconsin, 1; Missouri, 1; total, 182.

Former Oregon Boy.

We know you will be pleased to hear that Mr. Lauer, whose father was a minister of the German M. E. church in Oregon, from 1896 to 1900, is now head of History in Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. He has traveled far and studied much, but of all places dearest to his memory is the town of Oregon. The other day he drew a map of Oregon for his students and located things so truly and accurately that Miss Margery Fitzmaurice, a student there, recognized the town and every location. He was so pleased then to learn that one of his students was a Holt County girl, and a graduate of the O. H. S. He was reminiscent of the old Dutch Mills, the "swimming" hole, the Sentinel office. He spoke of Miss Fanny Meyer, of Fred Cook, and said he used to have lots of fun with Jim Rostock. He recalled an incident of a boy being accidentally shot and killed, while holding a cow, while a brother was intending to shoot the cow—the bullet glanced and the lad holding the cow was killed.

—Frank Walker tells us that fully three and a half inches of rain fell at Bigelow, just after the noon hour, on Wednesday, March 24th, and that considerable land was under water, but was fast going off.

A Splendid Ticket.

Our citizens responded to the call of the Chamber of Commerce, through its president, R. G. Ruley, to attend a meeting Monday night at the club rooms for the purpose of naming a Citizens' Ticket for the various city offices to be filled at the coming city election, Tuesday next, April 6.

There was a large and representative attendance of the citizens, and especially on the part of the business men, with only a couple of firms being absent.

The right sort of civic spirit prevailed throughout the deliberations of the meeting, out of which came the naming of a splendid, representative class of men for the various offices, and every voter should make it his duty to go to the polls next Tuesday and give them their hearty support.

R. G. Ruley called the meeting to order, and after stating the object of the meeting, he was unanimously chosen to preside, and Will F. Bragg was chosen secretary.

Mr. Ruley called on Mayor Evans for a statement as to the fiscal affairs of the city. The mayor stated that had he thought he would have been called upon to make a statement on the subject he would have come prepared with a detailed statement, but as it was, he assured the audience that the city had several hundred dollars in cash on hand and the various funds were in good financial condition.

The chair announced that nominations for mayor were in order, and the choice for the various offices resulted as follows:

For mayor, Will F. Bragg.
For collector, Perry Kee.
Alderman, East Ward, J. I. Henniger.
Alderman, West Ward, Howard S. Teare.

Special Road District.

On reorganizing the enlarged road district, Bigelow and its immediate section thought it would be best for them to organize under the special road district act, and since that time they have been busy trying to bring about this condition and not a single taxpayer, who was solicited, refused to sign the petition.

On Saturday of last week, March 27, Frank Walker filed the petition with County Clerk Kunkel to be presented to the county court at its next meeting, Monday next.

The territory asked to be included in the special road district of Bigelow includes the township of Bigelow and that part of Consolidated District No. 2, lying outside of Bigelow township, part of the south line of Union township, the south side of the west arm of Benton and part of the Glendale district.

The valuation of this special road district will be approximately \$600,000.

Beats Former Records.

The real estate transfers in warranty deed transactions for the first week in March, 1920, surpasses any previous record ever made in the history of our county.

During the first six days in March there were 92 warranty deeds filed with a total valuation of \$1,867,733, an average value of each transfer of \$20,301.

There were 84 deeds of trust filed, with a value of \$539,392, or an average of \$6,421.

Among the largest of the deals were those of R. C. Kuhn and Wm. Weightman to E. L. Busch, lands in 62, 38 for \$127,200.

W. B. Lasell to Chas. E. Fries, lands in 62, 38 for \$54,000.

G. V. Blazer to J. M. Myers, lands in 60, 37 for \$66,000.

Fred Fleener to Mattie Jackson, et al, lands in 60, 38, for \$52,000.

Well Armed.

Three thousand five hundred 3-inch field guns have been found by the Inter-Allied Commission in the vicinity of Berlin alone, and altogether 12,000 of these guns have thus far been discovered throughout Germany, as well as 6,000 airplanes intact.

According to the terms of the treaty of Versailles, the German army should have only 204 three-inch guns and no airplanes whatsoever.

Germany's armed force, the peace treaty says, should be reduced to 200,000 men by April 10, and the French authorities point to the fact that no reductions whatever have been made thus far.

Reds to Rule.

The Bauer cabinet of Germany has come to terms with the extremists at the cost of sweeping concessions, a purely Socialistic cabinet is to be formed, which will try to re-establish order and hold general elections. The general strike will be stopped, but instantly resumed if the government is unable to effectuate the stipulated conditions.

Here is a cross section view of Germany today—torn by revolution, beset with fears, bereft of a future, hopeless, frantic, despairing, stripped of all order and cohesion and retaining one attribute of her former self, a knowledge of warfare and how to kill.

Herman Mueller is the new Premier. The Minister of Labor, Herr Schlieke, a Socialist as is Mueller, and the Minister of Economics.

ATTENTION!

Members of the Farm Bureau. Remember the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau to be held Friday, April 2d, at Mound City, 1:30 p. m. This is a joint meeting for men and women. Every farmer and his wife should attend. M. MAY LONG, Home Demonstration Agent.

FARM BUREAU NOTES.

W. C. Swanner, County Agent.

The writer is in receipt of a letter from the American Agricultural Chemical Company, of Chicago, stating that they wish to secure a few co-operators in testing Seed Protecto. This is a product which was discovered by an European scientist, and is claimed to protect the seed from injury by insects, birds and rodents. The above mentioned company states that as an expression of their faith in this product they paid \$600,000 for American rights.

They desire to secure a few co-operators in various parts of the country in giving this product a trial this season. They are willing to furnish Seed Protecto free of charge for a certain quantity of seed, provided the co-operators report the results of the test.

In the past, numerous tests have been made by various experiment stations with different kinds of chemicals to find out whether there might be something of the kind that would keep insects, etc., from destroying the seed. So far as we know, none of these experiments were ever very successful. We should be glad, however, to see several farmers in Holt county try Seed Protecto this season. Any one interested in giving this product a trial may get further information at the Farm Bureau office in Mound City.

Annual Meeting, Friday, April 2.
Owing to the heavy rain and bad roads last week the annual meeting and election of officers of the Holt County Farm Bureau was postponed to Friday, April 2. The meeting will be held at 1:30 o'clock in the Delphic Theatre in Mound City. Judge W. K. James of Anderson county, vice-president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will deliver an address. Every farmer in Holt county should hear Judge James. Every one is cordially invited. The Farm Bureau members, especially, are urged to be present and take part in the meeting.

Easter.
It is not merely a festival of spring to be celebrated by the making of music, the display of flowers and the wearing of glad attire. It is the most joyous anniversary of the Christian world, for without it Christmas would lose much, if not most of its significance. The hope of immortality has not been born on the first Easter. It has been a universal aspiration. Views of the future state have varied vastly from the fantastic to the sublime, but all men in all ages, saints and sinners, sages and simpletons, have had some sort of faith in life eternal, fervent or faint. Job and David and the author of Ecclesiastes had clear visions of immortality and many Hebrew phrases in the Old Testament denote an accepted belief in continuous existence. The pagan world had this hope, holding as a common belief the future felicity of the faithful, which was an inspiration to virtue. Socrates emphasized this, and Cicero felt its urging when he spoke of the soul of his beloved friend, Cato, "often looking backward." Individuals now and then have tried to rid themselves of following into death, but after all in vain. In the words of the brilliant American agnostic, "In the night of death hopes see a star and listening love can hear the rustling of a wing."

Inter-Church World Movement.
Holt County Conference program to be held in Mound City, Mo., April 7, in the Presbyterian church:

10:30-10:40 a. m.—Devotional.
10:45-11:25—Statement of the Inter-church World Movement and a general comprehensive statement of world conditions.

11:30-12:25—United Financial Campaign Presentation. This is entirely under the direction of the United County Director.
12:30-2:55—Denominational Rallies and meeting of special groups of church financial campaign directors.
3:00-3:25—Foreign surveys.
3:25-3:35—World outlook and every land.
3:35-4:00—Home surveys, including county surveys.
4:00-4:15—Presentation of evangelistic program.
4:20-4:45—Composite departmental address.
4:50-5:00—County organization statement by county convener.
5:00-9:30—Meeting for young people, separate from the conference.
5:00-7:30—Meetings for local church financial organization.
7:30-7:45—Devotional.
7:45-8:00—Woman's address.
8:00-8:15—Layman's address.
8:15—Composite survey lantern slide address.

Every one interested in the extension of the church's program and its usefulness in the world is expected to be there.
T. E. WILSON, United County Director.

G. M. E. Church.
Preaching and communion service at the Oregon church, next Sunday morning, conducted by Rev. Theo. Lauer, of Wathena, Kansas.
Preaching at the Nodaway church, Sunday evening, 8 o'clock.
H. A. FELDMAN, Pastor.

—Judge George W. Cotton, of Forbes, was transacting business in St. Joseph, Tuesday of this week.
—Miss Bonnie Hogan is now occupying her cozy little home, which has been occupied by Sol Meyer and family; the Meyer family occupying a part of the Mrs. Sarah Ramsey place, until the closing of school.

Personal and Otherwise

—Hon. S. F. O'Fallon transacted business in St. Joseph, Tuesday of this week.
—Chester Springer and wife and Mrs. Joshua Adolph were in St. Joseph, Tuesday of this week.
—The Northwest Missouri I. O. O. F. Association will hold its spring convention at Mound City, Friday, April 9th.
—Attorney E. E. Richards has sold his residence property he formerly occupied to Lee Greene, the consideration being \$3,000.
—Miss Olive Morgan, R. N., of St. Joseph, is the guest of her parents, F. S. Morgan and wife, of this city, and other relatives.
—Alfred Raiser is repairing the Deffenbaugh property, across the street from the M. E. church, preparatory to occupying it.
—J. H. Durham and wife, of the Mound City Green House, have our thanks to ra dozen fine carnations. They are certainly grand.
—Lawrence Kaucher, of St. Joseph, was here for a few hours, Monday evening, the guest of his uncle and aunt, Francis Sutton and wife.
—Levi Lynch, a veteran of the Civil War, aged 76 years, died at his home in this city Wednesday of this week, March 31. Obituary next week.
—Miss Bessie Smith, who has been employed in Washington, D. C., for a number of years in a clerical position in one of Uncle Sam's departments, has left there and located in New York City.
—Mrs. A. L. Shafer returned home Sunday from Nodaway, where she was called by the serious sickness of her mother, Mrs. Sallie Hardin, from rheumatism. She is now considerably improved, we are glad to learn.
—We are sorry to learn that Geo. F. Seaman, formerly of this city, but now in the banking business at Buffalo, Wyo., has been on the sick list for several weeks, but at this writing, we are glad to announce that he is reported to be improving.
—Mike Prussman, formerly of this county, but now a resident of Amherst, Colo., was here for a few days, this and last week, on business and visiting his daughter, Mrs. Reed Bailey, and his brothers, Al, Will and Ed, and other relatives.
—Charles Taylor, of Forest City, was in St. Joseph, Tuesday of this week, going via the auto route. His wife, who is receiving medical treatment there, went down on the train in the evening returning with him in the car the same evening.
—Al Prussman of Mound City, was here Saturday, and visited with his many friends. He is still hoping that he may be able to occupy his new and handsome home, before the close of the present century—but when it is finished, it will be some house, let us tell you.
—Hi Montgomery and wife and Mrs. Hoblitzell, of Skidmore, Guy Cummins and mother, Mrs. G. W. Cummins, M. R. Martin and wife and son, Roland, of Oregon, were in Maitland, Sunday, the guests of Frank Matthews and wife.—Maitland Herald, March 25th, 1920.
—Avon Murray returned home last Sunday night from a visit to his ranch in Ness county, Kansas. He accompanied his sister, Mrs. Martin Haught, and her son, Joe, home, who had been here visiting home folks for some time. Avon reports the wheat in Ness and Lane counties as looking fine.
—Evelyn, the ten-year-old daughter of Duke Taylor and wife, of Craig, who was recently operated upon in St. Joseph for appendicitis, returned to her home, Wednesday of this week, and said she was feeling fine. Her aunt, Mrs. Gerald King, of this city, was down to see her Tuesday of this week.
—From and after this date, March 12, all cards of thanks, will be charged for at the rate of 10 cents per line. We do not charge for obituaries, they are free, but the increased cost of paper, ink, labor, etc., compel us to make a charge for the card of thanks. We hope our patrons will remember this.
—Clemence E. Schroeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aug Schroeder and Miss Alva, daughter of Mrs. August Wahler, both of Lincoln township, were united in marriage by the Rev. H. Wein, at the home of the bride's mother, just south of Corning, Wednesday evening of this week, March 31. They are a splendid couple, and we wish for them a long and happy journey through life. They will make their home on the farm owned by the groom's father, near Corning.

Easter Musical Program.

The following Easter musical program will be given by the Presbyterian choir, Sunday evening, April 4, 8 p. m.:

Piano prelude.
Song, "Joy to the World," No. 1, Congregation.
Invocation.
Response, Choir.
Anthem, "Christ Is Risen," Hine, Choir.
Solo, Selected, Mrs. Walker.
Duet and Chorus, "Jesus Pilot Me," Rosche, Mrs. Dungan, Miss Frye and Choir.
Anthem, "Crown Him," Steen, Choir.
Quintette, "The Way of the Master," Hine, Mesdames Walker, Henniger and Lehmer, Messrs. Evans and Cummins.
Anthem, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," Schuler.
Piano offertory.
Ladies' Chorus, "He Lives Again," Rosche.
Anthem, "Hallelujah," Simper.
Benediction.
Piano postlude. X. X.

AN AUTHORITY.

The following from W. S. Belden, U. S. meteorologist, for this section of Missouri, speaks well for the Oregon, Mo., weather record:

St. Joseph, Mo., March 12, 1920.
Mr. Thomas Curry,
Oregon, Mo.

Dear Mr. Curry:

I am enclosing some notes on the rainfall in this locality, which may be of interest to you.

The Oregon weather record, which has been accurately kept for 64 years by Mr. William Kaucher, Mr. G. C. Kaucher and yourself is considered the most valuable record of its kind in this part of the Missouri Valley, and it is often referred to in answering questions in regard to the climate of this section:

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, St. Joseph.

Notes on Precipitation at St. Joseph and Oregon, Mo.

Six years of the past decade have been decidedly deficient in moisture in the vicinity of St. Joseph and Oregon, Mo., and only one has been excessively wet. The average annual precipitation at St. Joseph for the 10-year period is 31.92 inches, the driest year—1910—having 23.23 inches, and the wettest—1915—45.51 inches.

Oregon, which is approximately 20 miles northwest of St. Joseph, has a continuous weather record, which has been carefully kept since 1855. By comparing the St. Joseph short precipitation record with the Oregon long record, it is evident that during the past decade there has been a marked shortage in rainfall in this section, especially during the months of June, July and August.

The average annual precipitation at Oregon for the 64 years is 35.71 inches, the driest year being in 1910, with 21.41 inches and the wettest in 1902, with 50.74 inches. While the normal annual precipitation at Oregon is 35.71 inches, as determined from the 64-year period, the average annual amount for the past decade is only 30.68 inches, thus showing an average annual deficiency of 5.03 inches since 1910.

The greatest normal monthly rainfall at Oregon is 4.83 inches in May, and there is a gradual decrease in monthly normals during the following three months to 4.02 inches in August. By using these normals in making a comparison, it is found that the rainfall registered at St. Joseph shows an average monthly deficiency of 1.20 inches for each of the summer months, June, July and August. At Oregon there was a similar, although less marked shortage. On the other hand the average monthly rainfall at both of these stations in May and September, since 1910, has been greater than the normal at Oregon for these months, thus showing that on the average May and September have been abnormally wet and the intervening months unusually dry.

Furthermore, the July rainfall at both of these stations has been below normal in each of the past ten years, excepting 1915, when it was very excessive, amounting to 10.88 inches at Oregon and 12.92 inches at St. Joseph.

It is believed that these rather pronounced and persistently abnormal rainfall conditions should be kept well in mind by farmers in this section in connection with plans for crops for succeeding years. When the return to summers with more rainfall will come cannot be foretold, but that such a return will come seems reasonably certain.

W. S. BELDEN,
March 13, 1920. Meteorologist.

What They Get.

The Board of Education of Baltimore county, Maryland, has decided that no teacher in that county shall receive less than \$1100 for 1920-21, and the best teachers in the county receive \$1500.

Manhattan, Kansas, has just granted an increase of 40 per cent to all of its teachers for the year 1920-21. This increase is made possible because the Kansas Legislature authorized an increase of 50 per cent in the school levy of the state of Kansas for the year 1920-21.

The National Educational Association has recommended a minimum of \$1000 per year for any teacher who is a normal school graduate or its equivalent. The association has also recommended that large cities should pay \$200 or more in excess of this minimum owing to the increase of the cost of living in the large cities.

The majority of the rural teachers in Missouri receive less than \$500 per year. The majority of elementary teachers in the grades receive less than \$600 per year.

Fortnightly Music Club Program.

The Fortnightly Music Club will give their first program this season, April 6th, at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. E. O. Phillips. The following program will be given:

Intermezzo of Cavalleria Rusticana, Nacagni, Mrs. McFall and Mrs. Pierce.
"Somewhere a Voice Is Calling," Newton, Mrs. Harry Dungan and Miss Cora Frye.
Chaconne, Dubois, Mrs. E. O. Phillips.
Mon Pierre, Almsberry, Mrs. Harry Hitz.
Menuet de Mozart, J. Schulhoff, Miss Mildred King.
"Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," Mrs. Bonnie Hogan and Mrs. Guy Ensor.
Violonla number, selected.
Leader, Miss Mildred King.

James Cain, of Hickory township,

has been a very sick man, the past week, but is now reported some better.

Had You Forgotten?

W. H. Hambough became postmaster at Craig in March, 1914.
O. M. Gilmer resigned as postmaster of Maitland in March, 1914. Lafayette Dawson succeeded Gilmer.
On March 16, 1914, H. K. Noel entered on duty in the management of the affairs of the Peoples' Bank, at Maitland, being a stockholder.
During March, 1914, T. W. Burke sold his stock of furniture in Mound City to Kelley & Wood, of Kearney, Mo.
F. S. Mickey, former publisher of the Mound City Jeffersonian, removed to Aurora, Mo., in March, 1914.
In March, 1914, Mound City decided to pave State street with brick.
Will Biasett, of Mound City, graduated from the Missouri University law school in March, 1913.
In March, 1913, Hayes Ferguson, of Mound City, was admitted as a student in the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.
By act of the legislature in March, 1913, Holt county was added to the Fifth Judicial circuit; A. D. Burnes, circuit judge.
March, 1913, Neville Dickson bought the W. N. Sawyers interest in the "Home Bank at Forest City, and became its cashier.
H. L. Everson resigned as assistant cashier of the Bank of Forest City in March, 1913.
It was March 23, Easter Sunday, 1913, that Omaha was visited by a destructive cyclone; 200 killed and injured.
The Nodaway Drainage District, No. 1, issued \$15,000 additional bonds in March, 1913.
We had 22½ inches of snowfall in March, 1912. In 1876, in March, we had a 27-inch fall.
In March, 1912, the Farmers' Elevator company at Craig was organized—capital, \$10,000.
March 17, 1912, the ice in the Missouri river broke, after having been closed for 77 days, an unprecedented record.
During week of March 17-24, 1912, bottoms of Corning and on Nodaway, south of Maitland, under water from thaw of snow and ice.
U. G. Keaster sold the Hiatt house in Mound City to Chas. Saer, in March 1911; it was built in 1873.
March 10, 1911, "Josephine," the greatest milk cow in the world, was on exhibition at Forest City and other railroad points in the county.
The first county rural school contest was held in Oregon, March 18, 1911. Prof. Reavis was county superintendent.
During March, 1911, John Krusor closed out his stock of hardware at Bigelow.
March 24, 1911, the first tree was planted in the Forest City Park—a permission presented by Congressman Chas. F. Booher.
Sticks went to \$11 in St. Joseph, on March 28, 1910.
On March 7, 1910, the Citizens' Bank of Oregon occupied their new quarters.
A large delegation of citizens of Benton, Liberty, Clay and Bigelow townships emigrated to the Judith Basin, Mont., country, in March, 1910.
March, 1910, was the warmest March ever known here; mean, 53 degrees.
Dennis Lower sold his stock of hardware in Mound City to J. H. Riffe & Co., in 1910.
J. F. Shipley, Mound City, sold his stock of goods to R. E. Morris, of Derby, Iowa, in March, 1909.
March 17, 1909, Alkire & Alkire store at Forest City was robbed, and the store set on fire; soon extinguished. Second attempt made to burn building made on the 26th.
Isaac Tyson bought the Ralph Cotter elevator business at Mound City, in March, 1909.
March 7, 1908, was local option election day. Dry vote, 1535; wet vote, 1228.
I. E. Gilbert sells his interest in the clothing business in Oregon to C. J. Kooch, in March, 1908.

Trucks Replace Rail Line.
When the Kansas City Northwestern railroad, a line 158 miles in length, extending from Kansas City to Virginia, Neb., now entirely without railroad facilities, quit operating last October, motor trucks were put into service to fill the needs of the communities the railroads served in the last few months since they were well pleased. It was the first test of the truck as a substitute for a railroad in that vicinity. The trucks seem could not traverse the entire line, but the communities served in the last few months seem to be well pleased.
Two regular trucking lines operate on the highways to Tonganoxie, Kansas. They make daily trips from Kansas City, carrying groceries, meats and other merchandise. Besides these are many truck owners in the towns along the road who do contract hauling for farmers and country merchants. Much of the live stock is marketed in Kansas City by these contract haulers. They bring in the produce accumulated at the country stores and return to the merchant with goods needed for his customers.
It is now thought there are some fifty truck lines out of Kansas City. The Iowa & Southern short line, from Blanchard, Clarinda and College Springs, Iowa, suspended operations last fall and a truck bus and freight line is now being talked of.
The Kansas City-Leavenworth Interurban line has ceased operations for the past year, and a truck service line is being talked of to take its place.

—D. A. Gelvin and Sm. of Maitland, were St. Joseph visitors, Tuesday of this week.